

**L-Atti tal-Inkjesta datata 19 ta' Novembru 2019, rigward skont it-Termini ta' Referenza ta' l-Inkjesta Pubblika dwar l-Assassinju ta' Daphne Caruana Galizia.**

**Seduta mizmuma illum it-Tlieta 24 ta' Novembru 2020, fis-1:00 p.m. fit-Tieni Sular, Awla 20, il-Qorti.**

Xhud **Corinne Vella** ri-prodotta, bil-lingwa Ingliza u bil-gurament taghha tghid :

**Chairman Judge M Mallia :**

What have you got?

**The Witness :**

So, concerning Chirs Cardona...

**Judge A Lofaro :**

So Ms Vella, can you explain the purpose of your evidence?

**The Witness :**

Yes certainly. So I was present during the former Minister Cardona's testimony last week, he made various claims..

**Judge A Lofaro :**

About what specifically? If you can elaborate?

**The Witness :**

About Daphne's work and about her writing and about his relationship with her. One of those claims I believe was addressed in the testimony itself; he came never had spoken to her. She had actually met him at a Bar which he frequents called 'The Stable' in Valletta; and had a long conversation with him there, and that is documented in her blog. But I believe that was addressed in the testimony..

**Judge A Lofaro :**

He did say that she went personally. He did.

***The Witness :***

Yes it was confirmed right. So the other claim he made was that she picked on him by even posting a photograph of his dog on her blog

***Judge A Lofaro :***

Yes, and meals with his children.

***The Witness :***

Yes. She had ... actually post of the photograph of his dog; what she had done was post a screenshot of his facebook on which he posted a photograph of his dog saying – Bongu, u l-gurnata bdiet. It was something to that effect. And she said cute Mr Minister for the Economy but while posting pictures of puppies on facebook when give you a human face in opposition, now that you are in government we are more concern about what you have planed in terms of jobs for the thousands of young people who will enter the job market this summer. And what you have in mind to counter the potential Cyprus effect. That was at the time when there was a lot of trouble in Cyprus.

***Judge A Lofaro :***

Ok.

***The Witness :***

So this was really a post about his role as the Economy Minister and what is priority..

***Judge A Lofaro :***

So you are telling us that he've done some fact checking ..

***The Witness :***

Yes.

***Judge A Lofaro :***

... after he gave evidence

***The Witness :***

Yes

***Judge A Lofaro :***

Ok.

***The Witness :***

Then he miss reprented what Daphney actually published about him

***Judge A Lofaro :***

Ok; what about the meals with his children?

***The Witness :***

Yes, he claimed that she published photographs of him having meals with his children...

***Judge A Lofaro :***

Ehe, that's what he said, yes.

***The Witness :***

...where there are no photographs of him with his children. This was again the case..

***Judge A Lofaro :***

I see. You checked them all out.

***The Witness :***

Yes. This is the case of misinterpretation, there is a particular photo of him at lunch. He maybe possibly bothered by the way he appears in the photograph but his children are not there.

***Judge A Lofaro :***

Ok..

***The Witness :***

And this is a photo...used in a blog post and just..

***Judge A Lofaro :***

And you have reproduced it in your ..

***The Witness :***

I'll present them. She wrote about Chris Cardona on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015 when he was elected Deputy Party Leader following Konrad Mizzi's removal; and that blog post is called – And of course it's Chris Cardona. And there is a photograph of him at lunch. That photograph was used in other blog post which is the earliest one I could find.

***Judge A Lofaro :***

Ok.

***The Witness :***

So I am presenting those 2 to the Court.

***Judge A Lofaro :***

Ok; so she is presenting a dossier; thank you very much. Zewg dokumenti.

Din hija s-sustanza tax-xhieda ta' **Corinne Vella** kif giet dettata minnha stess fil-prezenza ta' l-istess xhud.

Niddikjara li traskrivejt bl-ahjar hila tieghi x-xhieda ta' l-istess xhud.

Saviour Scicluna

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